1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15	Tamil Nadu . .	138 4	39.5	38.5	20.5	176.9	32.8
16	Utt ar Pradesh .	373.1	37.2	75.2	27.2	448.3	35.1
17	West Bengal .x	137.2	30.3	36.3	20.7	175.5	27.6
18	Small State & UT's	9.3	11.8	4 9	4.7	14.2	7.7
	All INDIA :	1959.7	33.4	417.0	20.1	2376.7	29.9

NOTES: (1) The above estimates are derived by using the poverty line of Rs. 131 8 per capita per month for rural areas and 152.1 per capita per month for urban areas at 1987-88 prices, corresponding to the poverty lines of Rs. 49.1 and Rs. 56.6 respectively for 1973-74.

(2) The number of persons below poverty line relates to the population as on 1st March, 1988.

Shifting of Central Funds to other items

841. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have conducted any study to find out the shifting of central funds earmarked for a particular scheme to some other items of expenditure in various States of the country ;

(b) if so, the names of the States with the details of shifting of such funds ;

(c) what are the schemes for which the funds were allocated but not utilised by the Government of Bihar ; and

(d) what action Government have taken/proposed to take against the Government of Bihar for this unauthorised shifting of funds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (d) Since 1st April, 1969 as per the formula for distribution. Central Assistance is given to State Governments for their Plan schemes in the shape of Block Loans and Grants. The Central Assistance is therefore, not related to any individual scheme/project. However, in order to ensure that the priorities of the plan are generally maintained in the course of implementation, outlays under cetain sectors or subsectors and for some important schemes and projects like (i) Agriculture and Allied sectors (Cxcluding Community Development and Panchayats), (ii) major irrigation schemes, (iii) Specified schemes for generation and transmission of power. (iv) externally aided projects and (v) Minimum Needs Programmes are earmarked. These earmarked funds cannot be diverted by the States save in exceptional circumstances and for reasons beyond the control of State Government and when adjustments becomd necessary with prior approval of the Planning Commission. In case there are shortfalls in expenditure on earmarked items prorata adjestments are made in the Central assistance provide to the States.

In case of Bihar, the originally aproved outlay for the year 1993-94 was Rs. 2300.00 crores which was to be financed by Net Normal Central Assistance of Rs. 868.26

crores. Subsequently, a Revised Outlay of Rs. 750.00 crores was approved. The Net Normal Central Assistance actually released was Rs 871.36 crores.

Resource shortfall in Eighth Five Year Plan

842. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a resource shortfall in the Eighth Five Year Plan now estimated to be at a massive Rs. 60,000 crore at 1991-92 price as reported in the Economic Times dated the 30th October, 1994.

(b) if so, what are the facts and details in this regard ;

(c) how Government propose to meet this resource shortfall in the remaining two years so that the plan is not pruned substantially;

(d) whether the Planning Commission have set up a group of experts to look into the resource availability and suggest ways and means to salvage the Plan :

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard and whether the group of experts has submitted its report; and

(f) if so, what are its main recommendations and what action Government have taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (f) The Planning Commission has set up a Working Group on Mid-Term Appraisal of Financial Resources for the Eighth Five Year Plan which would, besides others, make an assessment of the shortfall in the Plan expenditure investment. The working Group have had three meeting so far and is currently engaged in assessing the likely shortfall in the resources during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Unutilised Foreign Aid

843. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unutilised foreign aid stands at Rs. 72.945 crores;

(b) if so. the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have launched a four pronged strategy to improve aid utilisation;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether Government have any proposal to use the foregin aid for the specific purpose for which it was given ;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir. As per provisional figures, the unutilised aid as on 31-8-1994 stands at Rs. 72.945 crores.

(b) Aid is tied to projects and is expected to be utilised over the